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FROM STATE/AGRICULTURE JOINT MESSAGE

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SUBJ: CHANGE OF STATUS FOR BAHAMA ISLANDS

1. THE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE, US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, HAS AMENDED ITS REGULATIONS TO PLACE CERTAIN RESTRICTION ON MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS IMPORTED INTO UNITED STATES FROM BAHAMAS.

2. THE ACTION WILL ADD BAHAMAS TO LISTINGS OF COUNTRIES WHICH, WHILE CONSIDERED TO BE FREE FROM FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE, RINDERPEST, AND SWINE VESICULAR DISEASE, FALL INTO A SPECIAL CATEGORY BECAUSE OF IMPORT PRACTICES OR OTHER FACTORS. IN CASE OF BAHAMAS, ACTION IS BEING TAKEN BECAUSE BAHAMIAN REGULATIONS PERMIT IMPORTATION OF MEAT AND/OR MEAT PRODUCTS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHICH ARE CONSIDERED INFECTED. OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS POSSIBILITY THAT TOURISTS MIGHT BRING CONTAMINATED MEAT OR MEAT PRODUCTS INTO US FROM BAHAMAS.

3. COPIES OF AMENDED REGULATION WILL FOLLOW. END. RUSH

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